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CONTRADICTORY FIGURES RELATING TO AIDS CASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there has been contradictory details between NACO and UNAIDS regarding the actual figures of AIDS related deaths in the country ;

(b) if so, the steps/measures taken by the Government to arrive at correct statistics regarding reported AIDS cases and deaths during the last three years;

(c) whether there is any proposal before the Government for a collaborated study on this aspect by the NACO and the UNAIDS; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): No Sir, NACO & UNAIDS both feel that AIDS deaths in India are under reported due to stigma associated with HIV/AIDS or ignorance of symptoms.

(b): The States have been asked to give regular monthly report of AIDS deaths.

All the district hospitals/ Medical College Hospitals have been asked to identify a physician responsible for management of AIDS to report AIDS deaths to respective State AIDS Control Societies and they in turn send this information to NACO. The details of reported AIDS cases and deaths during the last three years are as below:

Year	No. of reported AIDS cases	No. of reported Deaths
2002	19077	1247
2003	21587	1541
2004	27472	1324

(c) & (d): A joint NACO/UNAIDS meeting on estimation of HIV related mortality was organized on 20th July 2005. During the meeting it was decided to form a Technical group on mortality estimation.